IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. EGUCHI et al. Confirmation No.: 4558

Serial No.: 10/777,107

Filed: February 13, 2004

For: BACKUP COPYING AND RESTORATION PROCESSING IN A

STORAGE SUBSYSTEM

Group: 2113

Examiner: P. Guyton

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 6, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 6, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Listing of Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.